THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir. It is already possible to obtain the running position of all important mail/express trains through the Internet.

(b) to (d) Under this project, train enquiries can be made through the Internet website http://www.trainenquiry.com. On this website, arrivals, departures, train schedules and train running position can be obtained on-line. This system is already operational since March, 2004. This system would help a person to track down the time of arrival and departure of important mail/express trains at all major en-route stations.

Rules for Film Shooting

1152. SHRI SANJAY RAJARAM RAUT:
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a film director assistant called Nadia was killed recently on Mumbai Central railway track during a film shooting;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the rules set for providing platforms and railway tracks for film shooting; and

(d) whether these rules were violated in the said incident?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. On 25.05.2004, Film Assistant Director called Miss Nadia Khan was knocked down by a fast local train during the course of a film shooting near Mahalaxmi Railway Station. As per Government Railway Police, on 1.6.2004, the case was registered by Tardeo Police Station and subsequently transferred to GRP/Mumbai Central who in turn registered the case under CR No. 54/2004 u/s 304(A), 182, 201,202, 211, 34 Indian Penal Code.

(c) As per Railway Board's directives, Railway Administration are empowered to grant permission for Film Shooting in the Railway premises on trains subject to certain conditions:

1. Submission of Bank Guarantee.

2. Execution of Comprehensive Insurance Cover.

3. Payment of Licence Fee.

4. Charges for rolling stocks, if required.

5. Submission of Indemnity Bond.

6. Observation of safety and security regulations.

(d) Yes, Sir. The permission was granted for shooting at Mahalaxmi Railway Station Platform No. 1 and surrounding area by the Railway Administration. But, as per the version of GRP, the shooting was done by the Film Unit on fast local 'UP' track, thus violating the rules and regulations of Railway Administration.

Discontinuation of OC Facility to Senior Railway Officers

†1153. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to discontinue the special facility of journey in Officer's Coach (OC) being provided to senior railway officers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the expenditure being incurred on such facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.